Price of silver

2355. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of silver in the international market during the last two years; and

(b) what was the price of silver in the Indian market during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is given below:—

Silver prices in New York and Bombay
(Monthly Averages)

(Price in Rs. per Kg.)

	New York		Bombay	
	1983-84	1984-85	1983-84	1984-85
July	3935.59	2710.70	3359.60	3414.60
August	3965.59	2831.65	3580.42	3432.71
September	3915.64	2774.20	3725.32	3508.63
October	3245.03	2836.25	3575.08	3560.71
November	2949.03	2909.02	3554.60	3644.05
December	3083.38	2647.22	3512.04	3670.21
January	2830.08	2476.99	3441.39	3681.88
February	3147.31	2529.74	3495.16	3823.96
March	3335.30	2490.48	3547.88	3937.05
April	3210.23	2592.23	3541.29	4005.09
May	3182.63	2526.59	3492.83	3986.60
June	3123.21	2472.09	3415.19	3825.22
Annual Average	3326.92	2649.76	3520.07	3707.56

Delay in holding the meeting of Central Board of Mines

2356. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the Central Board of Mines held at Dhanbad during the last three years;

(b) when the last meeting of the Board was held; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in holding the meeting of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There is no Central Board of Mines at Dhanbad under the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Coal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export obligation in regard to raw silk and yarn import

2357. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the commercial concerns in Calcutta with their

addresses who have not discharged export obligations in the matter of import of raw silk and silk yarn; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken by Government against such firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected from the concerned licensing authority and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Rural Bank in U. P.

2358. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of rural banks in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what is the amount of loans disbursed by these banks during the last four years;

(c) what is the recovery position of these loans during the above period; and

(d) what is the number of small farmers who have availed of these loans during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) There are 38 Regional Rural Banks in Uttar Pradesh

(b) and (c) The information relating to the outstanding advances and overdue advances for the last four years is indicated below:

(*Rs in crores*)

As at the end of December	Outstanding Advances	Advances overdue
1981	60.08	7.66
1982	105.31	21.15
1983	137.40	30.59
1984	214.63	59.30

(d) Number of borrowal accounts pertaining to small/marginal farmers and landless labourers who availed of the loans during the above period is furnished below:

Year	No. of borrowal account
1981 . . .	294546
1982 . . .	409216
1983 . . .	522702
1984 . . .	704476

India-China Trade

2359. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Chinese delegation visited India earlier this month to negotiate the purchage of iron ore and other minerals and also explore the possibilities of entering into bilateral agreement for boosting the two-way trade;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks; and